BMP 061 - Eliminate Topping Off Tanks



Description of Potential Pollutant and Source: Trying to completely fill tanks after the pumps automatically shut off, or "topping off," often results in fuel spills and exposure of significant materials to storm water.

Description of BMP: A policy will be developed to discourage "topping off" tanks. The policy will include incentives, posting signs stating the policy, or penalties.

Application Guidance: This BMP will be applied to all fuel or liquid handling operations.

Training: New personnel will be informed of policy and signs should be posted as a reminder.

Effectiveness and Cost: Eliminating "topping off" is a highly effective, low-cost BMP.

Limitations: None